



Radioactive Iodine In Palmer Area Milk Is Termed Not "Harmful"

PALMER (AP) — Stewart Durrant, general manager of Matanuska-Midvale, Inc., Friday termed as "misleading" a report from Washington, D.C., regarding radioactive iodine content of milk from the Palmer area.

Durrant is meeting with Matanuska Valley dairy farmers, milk processors and public health officials at the Agricultural Experiment Station near Palmer to consider this continuing problem.

A report from the Public Health Service in Washington indicated that, based on daily averages, the milk produced in the Palmer area shows a total of 36,990 micromicrocuries of radioactive iodine per liter for the year ending Oct. 31. Termed an acceptable health risk for a 12-month period is a 36,500 micromicrocuries reading.

Valley cattle have been fed largely on stored feed since the middle of September, according to Allan Mick, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station near Palmer.

Mick said the dry feed is stored under a roof or in a standard silo pit which cuts down on continued radioactive contamination.

Radioactive iodine content is quickly lost in stored feed, according to Mick. He said the dry feed is free from contamination in two weeks.

"Technically, nobody knows what a safe level is," Durrant said. He said the quoted acceptable level was set for use in industrial plants where workers are handling radioactive materials.

Other authorities hold that the radioactive content of milk from Palmer is not dangerous to consumers.

There is "absolutely no health risk involved," according to Frank Fields, engineering supervisor of Environmental Health for the State Department of Health.

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